Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Even before its introduction in British Cochin the question was very comprehensively considered by this House and rejected.

HIGH SCHOOLS IN MATTANCHERI—PROVISION FOR PLAYGROUNDS

15. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(*a*) whether any provisions have been made to provide adequate playgrounds for the three High Schools within the Mattancheri constituency ;

(*b*) are there provisions for playgrounds for the other 25 schools in Mattancheri constituency, and if so, what provisions are there ;

(*d*) are there gymnastic masters and provisions to give exercise to the children in all the schools in Mattancheri constitutency?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) There are 4 High Schools. In the T.D. High School, Cochin, which is a quasi-Government institution there is just enough land to serve as playgrounds. The other three are private institutions. (1) St. Peter's H. S., Kumbalanghy (2) St. Sebastin's H. S., Palluruthy and (3) H. E. H. M. H. S., Mattancheri. Of the above three, Kumbalanghy High School has more than ½ acre of land for playgrounds. The situation is not satisfactory in regard to the other two. The managements concerned are expected to provide the necessary facilities.

(*b*) In the other schools reasonable provision exists consistent with their standard except perhaps in the case of two or three Primary Schools. In some cases the schools have their own lands and in some cases *poramboke* land exists close by.

(*d*) There are gymnastic teachers only in the High Schools. Provision is made in the time-tables of all scoools for games and exercises.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have seen something placed on the table with regard to the provision made for the T. D. School. Provision may also be made likewise for playgrounds. Government may be pleased to give grants to Kumbalangi, Palluruthi, and Mattancheri schools.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Nothing can be promised as the cost of land round about Kumbalanghi and Palluruthi is very high. Government cannot at this stage make any assurance.

Mr. President: The T. D. High School is given only 1/3 grant by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Government may be pleased to give 1/3 there also. There is no reason why Government should give only to one institution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The only reason is that till Government have funds to do these they need not give grants to any.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My view is that, now that we have got a surplus of 10 lakhs happily, the Government may be pleased to consider the question of giving play grounds to these schools so that the future generation may become healthy.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction:)* It is not possible.

ERAVU AIDED SCHOOL BUILDING—COLLAPSE OF

16. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether students of the aided school at Eravu sustained injuries while in the school;

(*b*) how the injuries were caused;

(*c*) the number of students that sustained injuries;

(*d*) whether they were admitted in the hospital and for how many days they were treated;

(*e*) whether any action has been taken by the Government against the Manager;

(*f*) whether the school is still being conducted in the same building;

(*g*) whether petitions have been received by the Government from the people of the locality;

(*h*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place them on the table?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes; minor ones.

(*b*) The injuries were caused by the collapse of the roof of the school building.

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